GUNMEN PAY THE DEATH PENALTY

Are Executed in Chill Gray Dawn for Murder of Herman Rosenthal.

FOUR DIE IN 40 MINUTES

Protests Innocence, One Prays, One Is Silent to the End.

Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y. April 13.—The four gunmen convicted of the murder of Herman Rosenthal ter Monday morning:

Frank Seldenshner ("Whitey Lewis") made a statement, but did not flatly

assert his innocence.
"Gentlemen." he mumbled, as they did was perjurers. For the sake of justice, gentlemen, I say I didn't. The

the chair. He had meant to say that Stannish, a walter and witness at the murder trial, had lied; but death intervened. Seldenshner was the second man to die. Dago Frank" (Frank Cirofici) came first. "Gyp the Blood (Harry Horowitz) was berg) last. In 40 minutes flat all four were despatched. This time would have been shortened had it not been for the overcrowding of newspaper reporters.

Dago Frank' was Rabbi Joseph Goldstein of New York. adviser of the Rosenberg family, stood "Lefty Louie." Priest and rabbi Bilke averted their drawn faces from the the the race best and they were sentenced to die dur- way to the grave. At the bridge the struction & Realty company, Montpeller; cessful appeal to the Governor to save the chair of death, meantime struggling to ing the week beginning April 13. control their choking utterances as they intoned a prayer for the dying.

I will say I do not know. They did not confess to me. As for the Italian 1 do

An anaemic moon still hung in the sky when those who were to witness sky when those who were to witness the executions gathered in front of the prison. The air was chill and a raw "Lefty Louie," "Dago Frank," and had a hearse back up to the door and wind swept across the Hudson which "Whitey Lewis" were Harry Hore. Into it an empty coffin was placed and ble company. Dorset: North River Many asked on to save Frank. lights glimmered at corridor ends of and Frank Seidenshue. The youngest, the buildings, but no sound came from Lefty Louie, was 21, the oldest, Dago within. The bideous noises which con- Frank. 27. All were Jews except be buried in the same cometery where boro Chair Manufacturing company, and asked Frank why he did not tell victs have been said to emit when one Dago Frank. As the nickname implies. were spared those who waited.

Dawn was just creeping over the young survive them. ted to the bare court yard of the death statements given out at Sing Sing, clerk read off the names of those who been present at the time of the mur-Frank," and "Whitey Lewis;" but as

ight was "Dago Frank." He had shown signs of collapsing and it was the warden was received with stoical deemed expedient to shield him from calmness. the ordeal of waiting.

TESTS THE CURRENT.

State Electrician Davis carefully testay across the stout arms of the electrie chair. "Two of these men have told me that

questions."

prayer with Father Cashin. The men were found in a flat in Brooklyn. ondemned man clutched a crucifix in ach hand as he was led into the presnce of death. He had to be supported by two keepers.

In the death cells could be heard the applications for mercy. The wardens nd attendants stepped back from the Rosenthal at Becker's request.

"Oh God, I meet my God," gasped the talian. The State electrician turned the

nd then a second shock was given. The hysicians, Dr. Farr and Dr. Morcemo, ith several other witnessing doctors, ap-

ied the stethoscope and made other tests "I pronounce this man dead," said Dr.

arr in a low voice. It was 5:43 o'clock. he group of witnesses left the death hamber and the body of 'Dago Frank' as lifted by white-coated guards and ken to the sutopsy room

The doctors said Cirofici had made little sistance to the electric current which egistered 1939 volts and between nine and on amperes. Of the four he died the He had intended making a stateent, but his mental processes had falles

he little door presently came "Whitey lewis." He was garbed in black as Dago Frank" had been. The statement at he never finished was on his lips as

entered. A current of 1,920 volts, with a slightly gher amperage, than had been used on roffel, tok his life after two contacts

was pronounced dead at 5:52

trayer book in his left hand and Rabbi Goldstein walked by his side, "Listen, Israel. There is only one God," mumbled "Gyp" in Hebrew. swept the faces, but aside from the prayer he said nothing.

The preliminaries were quickly arranged, the current was applied. Two shocks were given and at 6:02 o'clock physicians pronounced the man dead. "Lefty Louie," the last of the four to

lle, entered the chamber at 6:07. The first contact was given at 6:05, but it was not until 6:17 that he was pronounced dead. Three contacts were necessary. The only relatives of the gunmen who were in the prison at the time of the execution were "Dago Frank's" mother sister and brothers, John and Paul, and 'Whitey Lewis's" brothers, Morris and

Mrs. Cirofici was borne to her carriage n an almost total collapse an hour fter the electrocution.

Morris and Louis Scidenshner remaind longer in the warden's ante cham-One in State of Collapse, One bers, as if held by a horrible fascination, or a conviction that they could still give aid.

> To a stranger who offered to pay the cost of "Whitey's" burial, the brothers replied that they had enough money All the bodies of the gunmen will be claimed by relatives,

Mrs. Cirofiel remained with her son until four o'clock this morning. She died in the electric chair at Sing Sing had thought until the last moment that prison at the break of dawn this Eas-ter Monday morning.

the Governor would grant a reprieve.

She believes in her boy's innocence. rMs. Cirofter pleaded with Frank Italian to confess, but he said he had told all he knew and that he was not present when Hermann Resenthal was strapped him in the chair, "I did not killed. One of the last things Frank shoot at Rosenthal. Them who said I said before he left his cell was to Father Cashin: "Take care of mother."

he admonished. Both Mr. Riley and Mr. Clancy express ed the opinion that nothing contained in Governor for the gunman's life. They "Whitey" did not finish the sentence. Cirofici's statement would have any ef-the strange harness had been adjusted fect on the second trial of former Police steadfast in his previously announced Lieutenant Charles Becker. Mr. Clancy said that the statement was made only tives of the condemned men.

Learning that it would be in

GLYNN REFUSED TO ACT. The last avenue of hope for the four a local priest, Their numbers necessitated a shifting of gunmen was closed six days before witnesses for each execution. There was their execution when Governor Glynn no untoward incident throughout the prorefused to grant a stay, pending the
and only their quaking knees and the
Recker, who was convicted in the lowsickly green patter of their faces attests or courts of having plotted the murder New York to-night. sickly green pallor of their faces affects of having plotted the murder of that the realization of death was upon them.

FACES ARE AVERTED.

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For courts of having plotted the murder of Herman Rosenthal to prevent him the making graft revelations to District Attorney Whitman. The court of days several threatening letters have been turing company. Rutland: the Burnham other that he described in order to bail out William E. Cashin. Roman Catholic appeals, in reversing the decision for received by the Governor, and on one occhaplain of the prison, accompanied Becker, declared itself unconvinced casion a woman, who said she bore a dito the chair. With that he had directed the murder, but "Whitey Lewis" and "Gyp the Blood" upheld the judgment of the lower appeared. court that the four gunmen had been no fear of any one, but it was thought Rabbi Mayer Kepfstein, long the spiritual the instruments. Motions for a new trial, on the ground of new evidence, made by their attorney, were denied hearse and six carriages passed on the Sons company. Ludlow: Granite Con-

Four days before their execution a delegation of New York rabbis visited the information given by the police that Mills, Green Mountain Light & Heating "Gentlemen," said Rabbi Goldstein, as be left the death chamber, "If you ask "Governor Glynn and pleaded in vain none of the other funerals was to be held company. Burlington: Hardwick Hardhe left the death chamber. "If you ask me whether the Jewish boys were guilty, I will say I do not know. They did not opinion that he had already expressnot believe he was at the scene of the ed-that Becker's guilt or innocence

YOUNG WIDOWS LEFT.

or more of their number is to die, he was an Italian. Gyp the Blood and Lefty Louie were married. Their

Not only during the trial but in house. Many were ashen-faced and three of the gunmen persisted in the trembling. From a printed list a declaration that Dago Frank had not were to see the first man die. A mo-ment more and the door of the death ed in the plot to murder Rosenthal. chamber had closed behind them. During their stay in the death house Warden Clancy had announced that all four maintained an attitude of mar"Gyp the Blood" would die first, foltyrlike innocence, tempered with an "Dago optimism growing out of their belief transpired the man who first came and that if he were not guilty, they must be set free. The news crushing

> STARTED POLICE REFORM. The crime for which the four gunmer

ed the electric current by sending it paid the death penalty started a wayof police reform, from which the ripples through a series of incandescent lights have not yet subsided. Throughout that glowed brilliantly on a board, which revealtions made at the time and subsections. revelations made at the time and subse quently, stalked the vague, sinister monster, known as the "police system."

Rosenthal was shot down early on th bey will make a statement, announced morning of July 16, 1912, in front of the Warden Clancy, "and under no circum- Hotel Metropole in the heart of the Tenstances must any one ask them any derioin. On receiving an announcemen from a man who came into the hotel, he walked out and fell dead before a fusiwet and Head Keeper McInerney, acting lade of bullets. The murderers leaped into on a signal from the warden, went to an automobile and escaped. Weeks later the death cell. There he found Cirofici after Becker had been arrested the gun- Burlington district is the Rev. John H. Newbury Graded Schools to Occupy

IMPLICATED BECKER. Their conviction and Becker's were based chiefly on the testimony of three go-betweens who turned State's evidence. These men-Jack Rose, Bridgey Webber pirmur of the other slayers in their and Harry Vallon-declared that they had hired the gunmen to kill the gambler,

> Sam Schepps, a little gambler, corroborated their testimony, and was not adjudged an accomplice.

Becker was a police lleutenant in charge of the "strong arm squad" whose duties were to keep in subjection the gangs of the city and to regulate gambling houses and places of ill fame. Webber and Vallon said that Becker had made use of his position to collect money from these houses. Rosenthal, accordng to these same witnesses, having a grievance against Becker, was about to give evidence against Becker to the dis-

rict attorney. Becker was arrested July 29, 1912, but searly two months elapsed before the apprehension of the gunmen. Their trial before Justice Goff marked a record of ARTHUR P. CARPENTER speed in criminal procedure.

BODIES OF GUNMEN TAKEN TO NEW YORK

United States marshal for Vermont New York. April 13.-The bodies of the four gunmen executed in the Sing Sing WARREN R. AUSTIN prison death chamber this morning were brought back to this city late this afternoon. That of "Whitey Lewis" Seidenshner was given immediate burial in a Long Island cemetery. Emotional thou- Fletcher has appointed the Hon. Warsands of the East Side fell in behind this ren R. Austin a trustee of the Uni-Again the chamber was emptied and correge and followed it for blocks from versity of Vermont to succeed the late whom Holcombe had been associated for switch in the warden's plans which sent an undertaker's to the entrance of the Z. M. Mansur. Mr. Austin is an twenty years said the affairs of his

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The convicts as they flied by the green-barred windows, shouled words of cheer to the Seldenshuer brothers as they left. AND SISTER DENIED CORPORATIONS IN STATE REVOKED Governor Firm in Resolution

ticx.

Failure to File Returns or to their lives Pay Taxes the Reasons-Albany, N. Y., April 12.—The mother and a sister of "Dago Frank" Cirofici In 12 Cases for Latwere here to-night to plead with the ter Cause.

determination not to talk with rela-April 13.-Approuncement Northfield: Learning that it would be impossible was made at the office of State Commishad pleaded for the truth. The warden to reach the Governor, the women sent sloner of Taxes Charles A. Plumley toadded that he had had no desire to make a message to him by John B. Riley, day that the charters of 5 Vermont corthe statement a legal record and there. State superintendent of prisons. Their porations were revoked on April b 1914. "Gyp the Blood (Harry Horowitz) was the Blood (Harry Horowitz) down in writing and had not placed him do nothing further in the case. They on or before that date, or for non-pay tives on that occasion. The condemned then appealed to Mr. Saxe, but with ment of the annual license tax or for

> Arlington; Bellows store, Brandon: Champlain Valley Lime his sweetheart. Jean Gordon, who had company, Burlington; the Davis Packing been arrested. The Governor has expressed

throng halted, and there they waited C. E. Green company, St. Johnsbury; until long after nightfall, not crediting the Green Mountain Crafts Shops, Post ware company. Hardwick; Hillside Fruit In front of the homes or undertak-Woodstock: Hughes-Snyder company, ing establishments to which the other State company, Poultney: Jeffersonville bodies were conveyed hundreds of Woodmen association, Jeffersonville; not believe he was at the scene of the could in no way affect the guilt of the Blood Horowitz lay dead, in the have been convicted on the testimony have been convicted to the testimony have been convicted to the testimony have been c lice reserves were called upon to pre- company. McIndoc Falls: Middlehury Resenthal two nights before the slaying vent people from entering and view- Marble & Granite company, Middlebury The real names of the men who ing the body. The sexton resorted to the Mont Vert company, Middletown Many were deceived and ufacturing company, Wilmington; Pills. Rosenberg asked me to save left. Horowit's funeral will take place bury-Raldwin company. Barton; Perley saying he had nothing to do with the to-morrow morning and his body will P. Pope company, Montpeller, Reads, shooting, he was not there. I went over Readsboro; Redstone Quarry company, the truth. He replied that he knew The police estimated that ten thousand Burlington; Rock Springs Water com- what was going on, but was not there persons view the body of "Dago Frank" pany, Bristol; Ruwand Dry Goods com- when the shooting took place. I adpassing by the casket for more than six pany. Montpeller: South Starksboro sald if he did they would kill his brother. hours. Cirofici's mother, who was at Sing Creamery company, Starksboro; Sterling I asked whom he meant by 'they', He Sing during her son's last hours, was Marble company, Pittsford; Swanton & replied that there were 39 men in New The Alburg Railway company, Barre, Alfred York he could name. He said, 'I don't funeral will take place on Wednesday H. Temple company, Montpeller; Times care about myself-it's my family publishing company, Groton: Union care for.

The family of "Lefty Louic" Rosenberg Valley Slate company, St. Johnsoury, the Valley Slate company, Pawiet; Vermont from the condemned cell house to the Transfer company, St. Johnsbury; the claimed his body. When it would be Asbestos company, Beebe Plain; Ver- principal keeper's office about mont Electrical State company, Hyde- o'clock Monday morning. He made the ville; Vermont Slate company, Pawlet, following, among other statements, in TROY CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY and Winestock Manufacturing company, the presence of myself, principal Keeper

evoked for failure to pay the annual truth. He hesitated and said: license tax were: Crescent Produce Co. Hartford, and West Rupert Lumber Co., West Rupert.

Rutland, April 12.-On Wednesday of the charters for non-payment of the annual self, but I do fear for you, esent week the Troy Conference of the charter tax before April 1 were: Barre Aqueduct Co.; Barre; Cascadnae Savines fear for us, we will take care of our-Bank & Trust Co., South Royalton; Con-Saratoga Springs. Bishop Frederick cord Inn Co., Concord; Co-operative Sav-ings & Loan association," Barre; Essex urge him to tell the truth. He said T Lecte, D. D., Ll. D., of Atlanta. its Burlington district includes all the Junction bank, Essex Junction, the Plandid not do the shooting. The men who Methodist Churches of Vermont west of the Green mountains. The churches of City Beach club, Burlington, Vermont Entrollington, Rutland and Bennington are gineering Co., Butland, Wantastiquet (He said of was five miles away or Burlington, Rutland and Bennington are Borel Co., Brattleboro Co. of Pawlet.

BUILDING DEDICATED.

\$20,000 Structure. The number of changes on the Bur- Methodist Church, and Arthur F. Stone, lington district at this session will be have been invited to return to their Professor Messenger of the University of I was here. churches and will return. Two of the Vermont. To-morrow an all-day educaconference leaders are the Rev. Charles tional conference is to be held by Super-M. Sturges, D. D., of the Albany district, intendent Glover of the school union. Mr.

Stone, Professor Messenger, Principal the Rev. Dr. John Lowe Fort, Greene of the State Agricultural school the Rosenthal murder. He admitted his financial secretary, a graduate of Middle-bury College. The Rev. Dr Junius E. in the vicinity will participate. In Superscript in the secretary and other educators in the preparations for the murder, but denied Mad of Plattsburgh, a former paster of

The school building is of two stories, he Buritagton church, is also a Middle- of brick, and houses all grades up through the high school.

OFFICIAL A SUICIDE.

Bureau Supervisor Had Complained of III Health.

Washington, April 13.-E. P. Holcombe

to-day. U. V. M. TRUSTEE Holcombe's associates believe he was minor details, but it contained little more led to take his life through despondency over his physical condition, of which h had continually complained recently. Officials of the interior department, with and this was the cause of the sudden

TO GUNMEN'S DEED 'Dago Frank," Facing Death Says Rosenthal Murder Was Gamblers' Fight.

Tells Warden Clancy "Gyp the Blood," Lefty Louie" and Harry Vallon Fired the

Albany, N. Y., April 12,-Shortly before Dago Frank" Cirofici went to the death hair in Sing Sing prison early to-day e told Warden Claney that "Gyp the Blood" Horowitz, "Lefty Louie" Rosenberg and Harry Vallon, an informer, fired the shots which killed Herman Rosenthal for which crime the four gunmen paid

declared. It was a gamblers' tight.

Cirofici averred that he was five miles away at the time the crime was com-mitted and that "Whitey Lewis" Seidenshner, although present at the scene of the shooting, did not tire any of the shots. Cirofici made no attempt, however, to deny that he was included in the original plot to slay Rosenthal, even admitting that two nights before the gambler was slain he went with other gangsters to look for their intended victhe same result. Later they called on the non-payment of the annual charter night of the actual killing he was in the man also admitted that early on the Attorney Wahle, hearing a report that. Those corporations which jost their the women were on their way to Albany, charters because of failure to file proper shot the gambler.

FRIGHT OR DESERTION.

He did not explain precisely why he left

company, Ludlow: East Peacham Co-Op- The statement, which was made vercompany. East Pea- bally in the principal keeper's office about cham: E. B. Ellis Granite company, four o'clock this morning, was the result Northfield: Petrisburg Hay & Grain of the insistent plea on the part of Cirocompany. Ferrisburg: 1. G. Fullam & fiel's mother and his sister for the truth. Sons company. Ludlow: Granite Con- They had been here and made an unsuchear dawn, they were met by the warder and taken to the office, where they me

Mr. Clancy came to Albany to-day and told his story to Superintendent John B. Riley of the State prison department and Governor Glynn. The warden first issued

pany, Rutland; Ryle & McCormick com- vised him to tell the whole story. He

McInerney, the chaplain, his mother and The two companies whose charters were sister. They urged him to tell the whole

"GOD WILL PROTECT US

The ten corporations which lost their for the public. I do not fear for my-"His sister replied; 'Don't have any selves, God will protect us."

"He said. I was five miles away at

the time. So far as I know, Becker had nothing to do with this case. It was a gamblers' fight."

ling houses and said that the story Shapiro told to Commissioner Dougherty Newbury, April 15.-The new \$20,000 was true. He said, 'i told some lies on school building was dedicated this after- the stand to prove an alibi for the rest men of the district are: President Guy noon. It stands on the historic site of of the boys. The testimony about the Potter Benton of the University of Ver- the old Newbury Seminary, which was conversation with Rose in the car on the mont, the Rev. Dr. H. Augustus Durfee destroyed by fire last June. The principal way down was not true. I was in Bridof Burilington, the Rev. Dr. C. H. Dunton address was delivered by State Super- gey Webber's when the arrangements and the Rev. Dr. C. L. Leonard of intendent of Education Mason S. Stone, were made. I did not know just what Poultney Academy. The Rev. E. D. Face of Rutland, chaplain at the house of Frazer of Wells River, M. Clarence thing was coming off. I did not see thing was coming off. I did not see thing was coming off. I did not see correction, is also a member of the con- Knight of the building committee, the Louis pack the trunk as I testified on Rev. C. W. Sturtevant, paster of the the stand. There were guns there, but not the ones they used.' When asked This evening the Carnegle survey was how he gained this information, he said, very small as nearly all of the pastors discussed by Mason S. Stone and T heard the boys talking about it since

STATEMENT VOLUNTARY The conversation then related

other matters not directly connected with his presence when the actual murder was committed."

According to Mr. Clancy, practically verything that Cirofici said after he started to make his final statement was voluntary. His defense of Becker came absolutely without suggestion from any

50 years old, chief supervisor of the In- that he might talk and this caused the dian bureau, shot and killed himself in Governor to send Mr. Riley to Sing Sing. a room of a down town hotel here late The prisoner gave Mr. Riley a statement which contradicted the later one in some 'Dago Frank" to the chair first instead of "Gyp the Blood."

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DID NOT PROFESS INNOCENCE. "He mentioned several raids on gamb- him that they were innocent of the crime of killing Rosenthal. "Whitey Lewis" always declared that he did not fire a shot and it is the warden's opinion that his dying words were "I didn't shoot at Rosenthal."

> Mr. Clancy said that "Dago Frank" and were not as guilty of slaying Rosenthal

perintendent expressed the hope that no death in the electric chair in this State. "I hope," he said, "to see the next Legislature pass a law permitting juries to fix the life penalty and that this reform of Harrison. The Green Mountain Exwill succeed in doing away with capital press, which left the Grand Central sta-

Warden Clancy depied reports that he was on the verge of a nervous breakdown wing to his experience with the gunmen Governor Glynn was greatly interested in the report of the warden, but he declined to make any comment whatsoever on the case.

FIRE ENDANGERS CUP DEFENSE CANDIDATE

Bristol, B. I., April 13 .- Fire to-day threatened the destruction of the Her reshoff sloop Resolute which is being wilt as a candidate for the defense of the America's cup for the so-called flag officers' syndicate of the New York Yacht club. The blaze was in the joiner shop, twenty feet from the north shop which houses the Resolute.

"Nat" Herreshoff, the designer, peronally directed the fire fighting forces. The sloop was not harmed in any way Announcement was made to-night that the Resolute would be launched on Saturday, April 25, at 5:30 p. m.

At no time, according to the warden. NEW HAVEN ROAD'S GREEN MOUNTAIN EXPRESS WRECKED

New York. April 12.- The tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad were blocked for nearly three hours this morning by a train wreck on the main line three-quarters of a mile east tion at 8:04 bound for Montreal via Springfield, was detailed at \$:30. Tho electric locomotive and two mail cars left the tracks, but the two passenge

coaches remained on the rails. The only injured were the engineer William J. Murphy, of New Haven, who received a ecalp wound, and Jeremial Hackett, mail clerk, who received in

juries to his back. The accident, it is believed, was due to the breaking of one of the pony trucks

of the motors. STRIKE IS SETTLED.

Grantte Company in Hardwick Ad justs Trouble with Men.

Hardwick, April 13.-The labor trouble between the Woodbury Granite company and the stone cutters were settled to night. The cutters have been "out" fo 17 days, having walked out on account of trouble with a boss in number three shed. The boss has been reinstated but

is not to be employed here for six I

filled with witnesses. At 5:56 "Gyp Blood' brought in. He had a Jewish Williamsburg bridge, over which the glumnus of the University of Vermont, office were in perfect shape.

TRUST

Not to Hear Relatives Beg

for Clemency.

vinely inspired message to the executive.

Likely to Be Few in Number-

Hishop Leete Presides.

Methodist Episcopal Church will convene

Ga., presiding. The Troy Conference in

in the State while at Middlebury, Fair

Haven and Poultney are found churches

of growing importance. The head of the

Coleman, D. D., Lib. D., of Rutland,

who is closing his third year of efficient

leadership. Among the prominent clergy-

a graduate of the University of Vermont,

Washington, April 13 .- President

Wilson to-day nominated Arthur P.

Carpenter of Brattleboro, Vt., to be

FOR U. S. MARSHAL

Albans, April 14 .-- Governor

bury graduate.

best to have officers on guard.

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Chittenden

FUNDS

ADMITS PARTIAL GUILT

Fatal Shots.

"So far as I know, Bocker had nothing to do with this case," the gunman also

" 'I don't want to make any statement

one, the warden maintained. Cirofici's statement was not wholly unxpected. It was rumored last Thursday

information than had been previously rought out. After making his statement to Mr. Claney, Cirofici almost collapsed